SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESERVATION

TRAIL MAP

ESSEX COUNTY, NJ

LEGEND (SOUTH)

- Paved Roads
- Parking
- Paved Walkways
- Steps
- Waterways
- Wooded Areas
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- Misc Structures
- Train Station
- Bus Stop
- First Aid Squad
- Trail Head
- Info Kiosk
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- Picnic Tables
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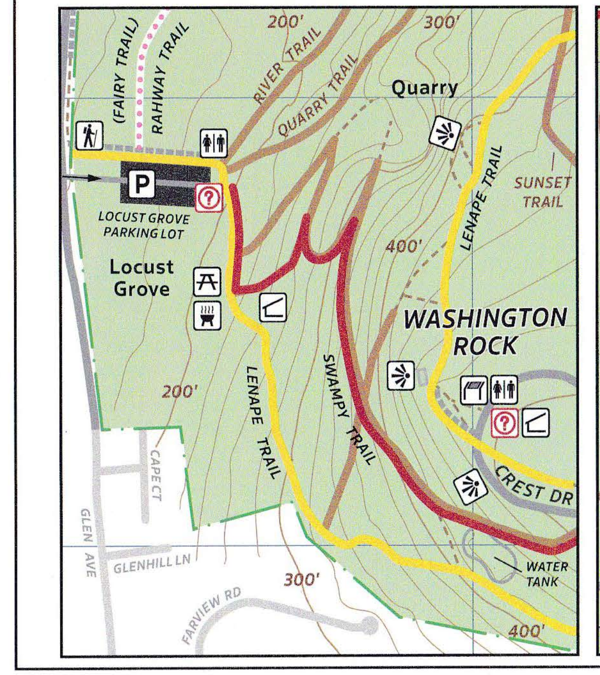
- Shelters
- Scenic View
- Wheelchair Access
- Dog Park
- Fishing
- Waterfall
- Art Exhibit
- Park Boundaries
- Municipal Boundaries
- Deer Fencing
- Gates
- Unblazed Trails
- Woods Roads
- Unmaintained Woods Roads

Lenape	7.6 mi.
Rahway	2.3 mi.
(Fairy Trail)	.6 mi.
Swampy	1.5 mi.
Elmdale	2.5 mi.
Hogenauer	.5 mi.
Painter's Point	.5 mi.
Lavender	.5 mi.
Aqua	.5 mi.
Wildflower Cross	.2 mi.
Wildflower Bridge	.1 mi.
Rahway High Ext	.4 mi.
Rahway Low Ext	.6 mi.
West Connector	.9 mi.
Hemlock Falls Loop	.6 mi.
High Water Bypass	.3 mi.
W. Falls Parking Conn.	.4 mi.
Oakdale	1.5 mi.
Turtle Back	3.4 mi.
Reservoir Connector	.5 mi.
Turtle Back Bypass	.25 mi.
Turtle Back Connector	.3 mi.

TRAIL BLAZE KEY

- Straight Ahead
- Left Turn
- Right Turn
- Trail Begins
- Trail Ends
- Spur to Another Trail

WASHINGTON ROCK 1D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RAHWAY TRAIL
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WASHINGTON ROCK
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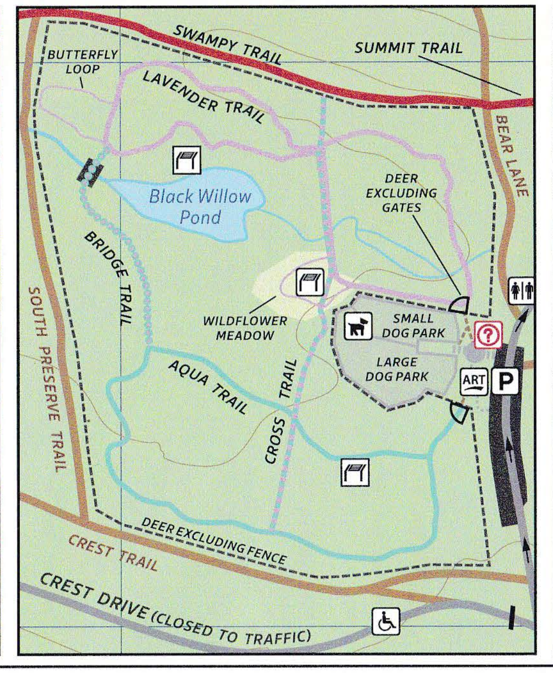
GLEN AVE

WILDFLOWER & FOREST PRESERVE 5E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CROSS TRAIL
SMALL DOG PARK
LARGE DOG PARK
SOUTH PRESERVE TRAIL
DEER EXCLUDING FENCE
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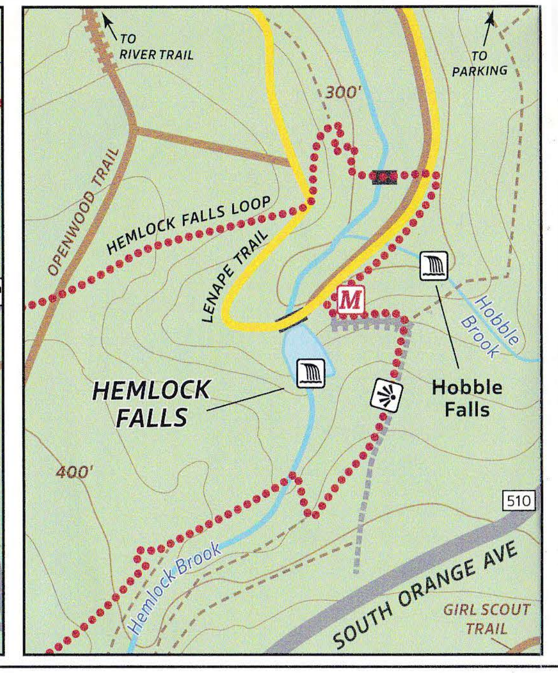
CREST DRIVE (CLOSED TO TRAFFIC)

HEMLOCK FALLS 8D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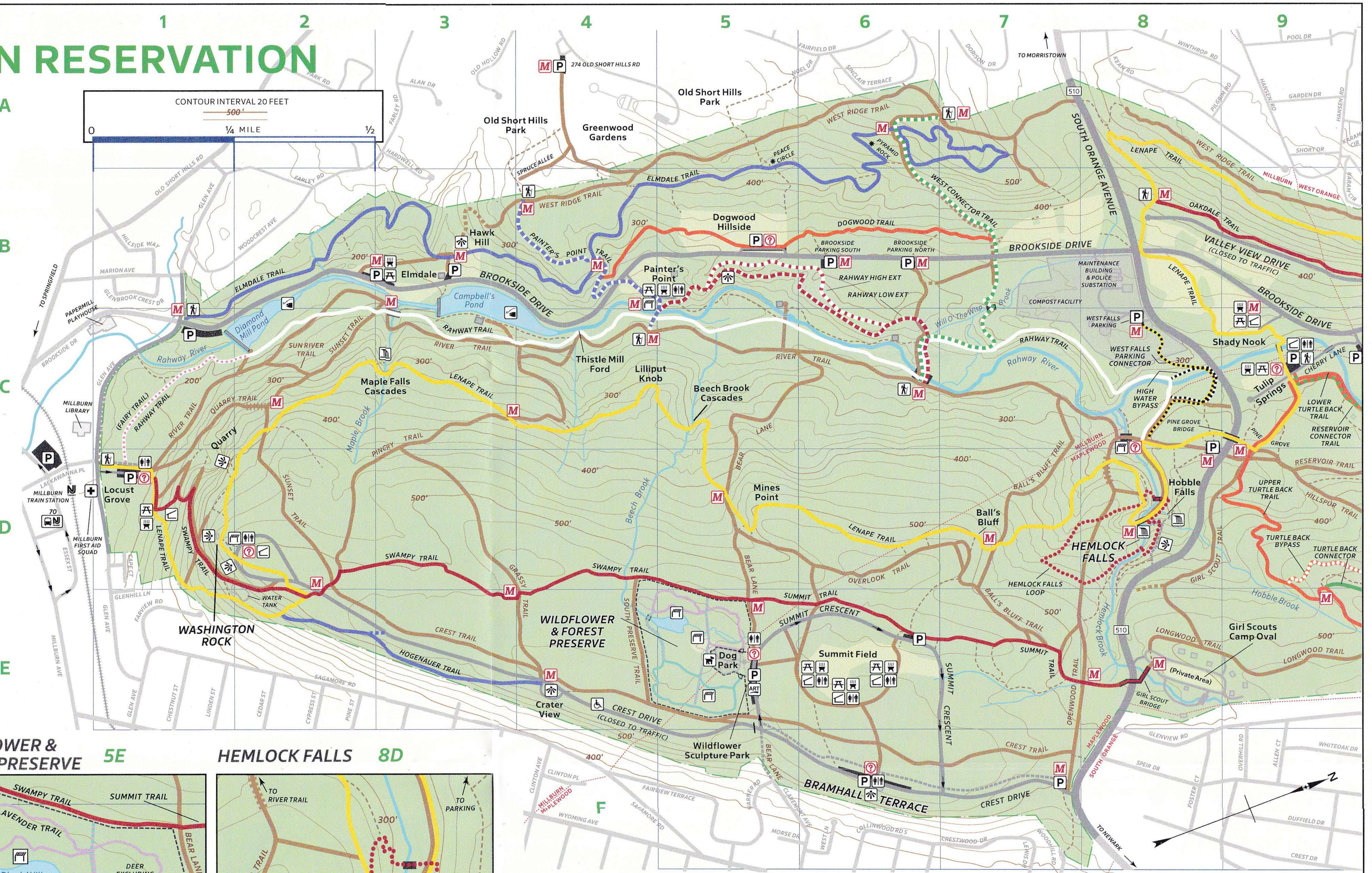
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Elmdale
Dogwood Hillside
Painter's Point
Campbell's Pond
Diamond Mill Pond
Thistle Mill Ford
Lilliput Knob
Maple Falls Cascades
Beech Brook Cascades
Mines Point
Ball's Bluff
Quarry
Locust Grove
WASHINGTON ROCK
WILDFLOWER & FOREST PRESERVE
Dog Park
Crater View
Summit Field
Wildflower Sculpture Park
BRAMHALL TERRACE
HEMLOCK FALLS
Hobble Falls
Shady Nook
Tulip Springs
Girl Scouts Camp Oval
BROOKSIDE DRIVE
SOUTH ORANGE AVENUE
VALLEY VIEW DRIVE (CLOSED TO TRAFFIC)
CREST DRIVE (CLOSED TO TRAFFIC)
CREST DRIVE
WEST RIDGE TRAIL
ELMDALE TRAIL
LENAPE TRAIL
RAHWAY TRAIL
SWAMPY TRAIL
WEST CONNECTOR TRAIL
HOGENAUER TRAIL
CREST TRAIL
SUMMIT TRAIL
MILLBURN TRAIN STATION
TO MORRISTOWN
TO SPRINGFIELD
TO NEWARK

FACILITIES & FEATURES (SOUTH)

PICNIC AREAS / FIELDS

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🚻 √(SPRING TO FALL) 🚻 + (YEAR ROUND)

LOCATION	🧺	🔥	⛺	🚻
Locust Grove D1	14	6	1	+
Washington Rock D2	–	–	1	+
Elmdale B3	2	2	–	–
Hawk Hill B3	–	–	–	–
Painter's Point B4 – 5	2	2	–	√
Dogwood Hillside B5	–	–	–	+
Summit Field E6 Across three areas	25	10	3	+
Shady Nook C9	11	8	1	√
Tulip Springs C9	24	10	2	+

WATER FEATURES

Campbell's Pond* B3-C4
Hobble Falls D8
Diamond Mill Pond* C1-B2
Hemlock Falls D8
Maple Falls C3
Rahway River, West Branch* C1, B2-5, C6-9
Thistle Mill Ford C4

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ROADS

Brookside Drive C1-B8
Cherry Lane C9-C13
Crest Drive D2-F7
Glen Ave B1-E1
South Orange Ave A7-F8
Valley View Drive B8-C11

POINTS OF INTEREST

Bramhall Terrace F6 🚻+
Crater View E4
Dog Park E5 🚻+
Fairy Trail 🚻+
Along Rahway Trail D1, C1-2
Girl Scouts Camp Oval E8
Greenwood Gardens A4
Old Short Hills Park A3-5
Quarry C1 - D1
Washington Rock D1-2 🚻+
Wildflower & Forest Preserve E5
Wildflower Sculpture Park E5

NOTE: Biking is legal only on paved roads

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Designed by Susan Brand, www.susanbrand.com, based on surveying by the South Mountain Conservancy. This map was compiled using data from the USGS (United States Geological Survey) cross-referenced with GPX files. Every effort has been made to ensure its accuracy.

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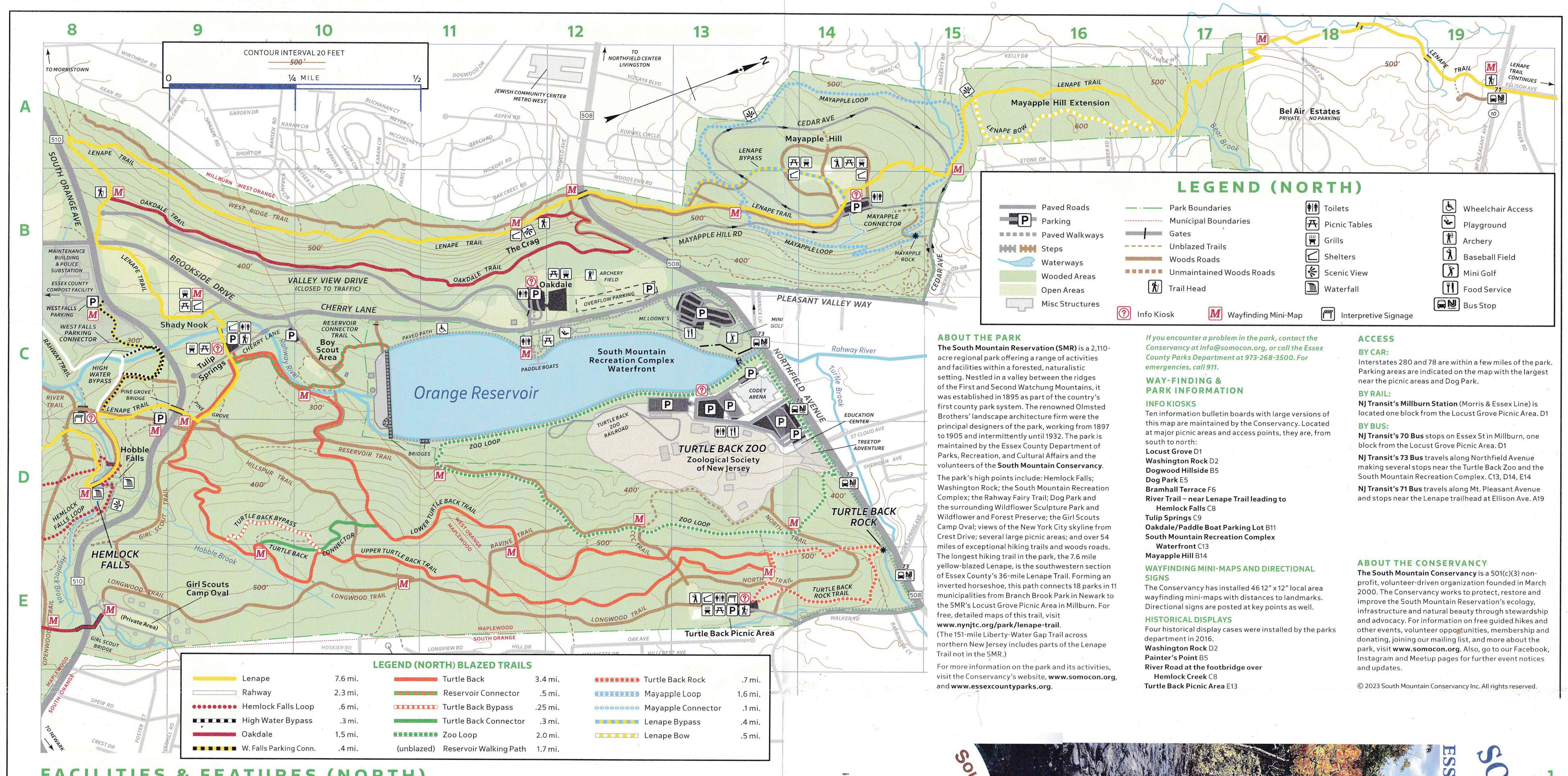
Additional copies of this map and Dave Hogenauer's 2023 SMR history, **South Mountain Reservation: Then and Now** and an updated version of his **Guide to the Trails of South Mountain Reservation** that reflects the revisions to this map, can be purchased at www.somocon.org. This map will also be available as an **Avenza map (avenzamaps. com) for iOS and Android phones**. All proceeds from the sale of these items directly support the mission and activities of the Conservancy.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Girl Scouts Camp Oval
South Mountain Recreation Complex Waterfront
Orange Reservoir
TURTLE BACK ZOO
Zoological Society of New Jersey
TURTLE BACK ROCK
Turtle Back Picnic Area
Mayapple Hill
Mayapple Hill Extension
Bel Air Estates PRIVATE NO PARKING
VALLEY VIEW DRIVE (CLOSED TO TRAFFIC)
CHERRY LANE
BROOKSIDE DRIVE
SOUTH ORANGE AVE
NORTHFIELD AVENUE
PLEASANT VALLEY WAY
CEDAR AVE
MAYAPPLE HILL RD
LENAPE TRAIL
OAKDALE TRAIL
TURTLE BACK TRAIL
LONGWOOD TRAIL
ZOO LOOP
MAYAPPLE LOOP
LENAPE BOW
(Private Area)
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TO MORRISTOWN
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- Playground
- Archery
- Baseball Field
- Mini Golf
- Food Service
- Bus Stop

LEGEND (NORTH) BLAZED TRAILS

	Lenape	7.6 mi.
	Rahway	2.3 mi.
	Hemlock Falls Loop	.6 mi.
	High Water Bypass	.3 mi.
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	Reservoir Connector	.5 mi.
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	Turtle Back Connector	.3 mi.
	Zoo Loop	2.0 mi.
(unblazed)	Reservoir Walking Path	1.7 mi.
	Turtle Back Rock	.7 mi.
	Mayapple Loop	1.6 mi.
	Mayapple Connector	.1 mi.
	Lenape Bypass	.4 mi.
	Lenape Bow	.5 mi.

FACILITIES & FEATURES (NORTH)

PICNIC AREAS / FIELDS

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Shady Nook B9	11	8	1	√
Tulip Springs C9	24	10	2	+
Oakdale B11	5	5	–	√
Clipper Pavilion C11	21	–	–	+
Mayapple Hill A, B13-14				
North Field**	12	8	1	–
South Field**	12	7	1	–
Parking Lot	–	–	–	+
Turtle Back Picnic Area E13	13	8	1	+

** Fire Pits: North-5 / South-2

WATER FEATURES

Orange Reservoir / South Mountain Recreation Complex Waterfront* C10-13
Rahway River, West Branch* C8-13

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ROADS

Brookside Drive C1-B8
Cherry Lane C9-C13
Cedar Ave A13-B14
Mayapple Hill Road B12-14
Northfield Ave B12-E14
Pleasant Valley Way B13-C1
Route 10 / Mt. Pleasant Ave A18
South Orange Ave A7-F8
Valley View Drive B8-C11

NOTE: Biking is legal only on paved roads

SPORTS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

ARCHERY RANGE B12
(Shared with Overflow Parking)
BASEBALL DIAMONDS:
Turtle Back Picnic Area E13
Mayapple Hill Picnic Area B14
FISHING *(See Water Features)*
HIKING AND TRAIL RUNNING
ICE SKATING/CODEY ARENA C13
MINI-GOLF SAFARI C13
PADDLE BOATS/SWAN BOAT DOCK C11
PLAYGROUNDS:
Regatta Children's Playground C12
Turtle Back Zoo Playground C13
(Requires Zoo Admission)
TURTLE BACK ZOO C13
TREETOP ADVENTURE COURSE D13
(Requires Advanced Registration)

POINTS OF INTEREST

Boy Scout Camping Area C10
The Crag B11
Girl Scouts Camp Oval E8
McLoone's Boathouse Restaurant C13
Turtle Back Zoo Education Center D13
Turtle Back Rock E14

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ABOUT THE PARK

The South Mountain Reservation (SMR) is a 2,110-acre regional park offering a range of activities and facilities within a forested, naturalistic setting. Nestled in a valley between the ridges of the First and Second Watchung Mountains, it was established in 1895 as part of the country's first county park system. The renowned Olmsted Brothers' landscape architecture firm were the principal designers of the park, working from 1897 to 1905 and intermittently until 1932. The park is maintained by the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs and the volunteers of the **South Mountain Conservancy**.

The park's high points include: Hemlock Falls; Washington Rock; the South Mountain Recreation Complex; the Rahway Fairy Trail; Dog Park and the surrounding Wildflower Sculpture Park and Wildflower and Forest Preserve; the Girl Scouts Camp Oval; views of the New York City skyline from Crest Drive; several large picnic areas; and over 54 miles of exceptional hiking trails and woods roads. The longest hiking trail in the park, the 7.6 mile yellow-blazed Lenape, is the southwestern section of Essex County's 36-mile Lenape Trail. Forming an inverted horseshoe, this path connects 18 parks in 11 municipalities from Branch Brook Park in Newark to the SMR's Locust Grove Picnic Area in Millburn. For free, detailed maps of this trail, visit **www.nynjtc.org/park/lenape-trail**. (The 151-mile Liberty-Water Gap Trail across northern New Jersey includes parts of the Lenape Trail not in the SMR.)

For more information on the park and its activities, visit the Conservancy's website, **www.somocon.org**, and **www.essexcountyparks.org**.

If you encounter a problem in the park, contact the Conservancy at info@somocon.org, or call the Essex County Parks Department at 973-268-3500. For emergencies, call 911.

WAY-FINDING & PARK INFORMATION

INFO KIOSKS

Ten information bulletin boards with large versions of this map are maintained by the Conservancy. Located at major picnic areas and access points, they are, from south to north:

Locust Grove D1
Washington Rock D2
Dogwood Hillside B5
Dog Park E5
Bramhall Terrace F6
River Trail – near Lenape Trail leading to Hemlock Falls C8
Tulip Springs C9
Oakdale/Paddle Boat Parking Lot B11
South Mountain Recreation Complex Waterfront C13
Mayapple Hill B14

WAYFINDING MINI-MAPS AND DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

The Conservancy has installed 46 12" x 12" local area wayfinding mini-maps with distances to landmarks. Directional signs are posted at key points as well.

HISTORICAL DISPLAYS

Four historical display cases were installed by the parks department in 2016.

Washington Rock D2
Painter's Point B5
River Road at the footbridge over Hemlock Creek C8
Turtle Back Picnic Area E13

ACCESS

BY CAR:

Interstates 280 and 78 are within a few miles of the park. Parking areas are indicated on the map with the largest near the picnic areas and Dog Park.

BY RAIL:

NJ Transit's Millburn Station (Morris & Essex Line) is located one block from the Locust Grove Picnic Area. D1

BY BUS:

NJ Transit's 70 Bus stops on Essex St in Millburn, one block from the Locust Grove Picnic Area. D1

NJ Transit's 73 Bus travels along Northfield Avenue making several stops near the Turtle Back Zoo and the South Mountain Recreation Complex. C13, D14, E14

NJ Transit's 71 Bus travels along Mt. Pleasant Avenue and stops near the Lenape trailhead at Ellison Ave. A19

ABOUT THE CONSERVANCY

The South Mountain Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer-driven organization founded in March 2000. The Conservancy works to protect, restore and improve the South Mountain Reservation's ecology, infrastructure and natural beauty through stewardship and advocacy. For information on free guided hikes and other events, volunteer opportunities, membership and donating, joining our mailing list, and more about the park, visit **www.somocon.org**. Also, go to our Facebook, Instagram and Meetup pages for further event notices and updates.

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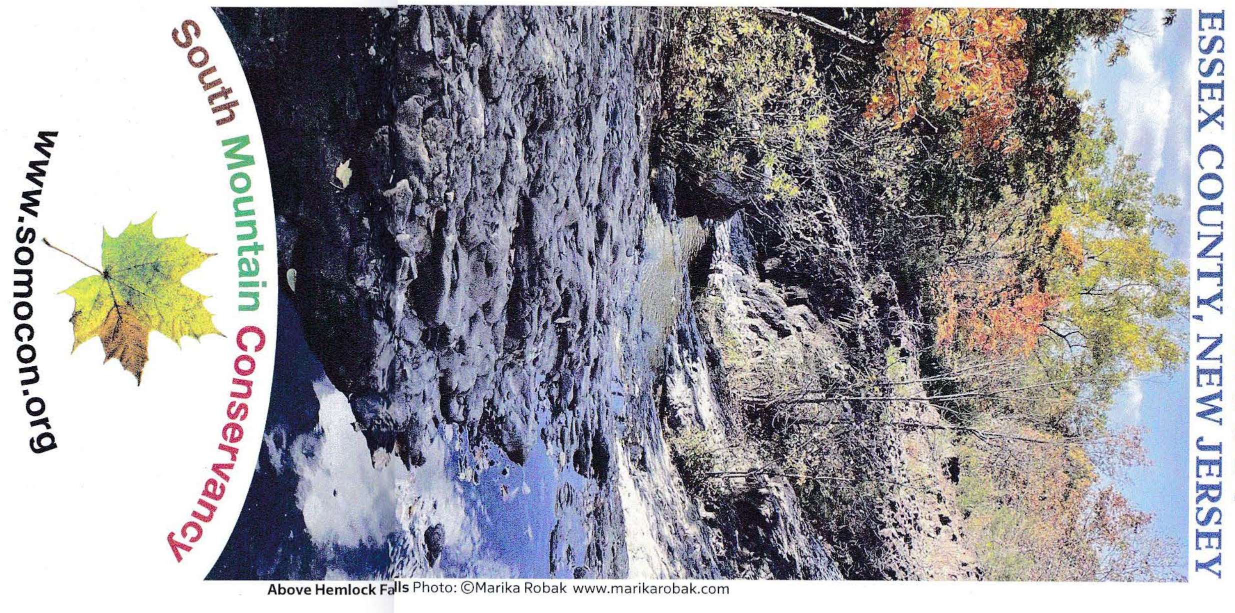

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